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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated 09/17/2003 finding that applicant has claimed three patentably distinct inventions (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any of the others or any combination of the others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct invention I including claims 1-5 for further substantive examination in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

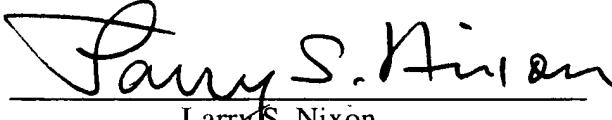
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